

## CLAIMS: THE CASE OF THE BRIG "JOSEPHINE"

*Convention signed at Caracas November 16, 1846*

*Entered into force November 16, 1846*

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

5 Miller 109

### CONVENTION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM FOR INTEREST AND OTHER LOSSES IN FAVOR OF THE OWNERS AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BRIG JOSEPHINE

The undersigned Benjamin G. Shields, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, and John Emanuel Manrique, Secretary of State of the Department of Foreign Relations of Venezuela, being duly authorized to effect an equitable agreement for the payment of the twenty eight and a half per cent which pertains to Venezuela, of certain interests and other losses which those interested in the North American Brig, "Josephine", allege they have experienced, have agreed to conclude and seal this affair at all points in the terms following.

#### ARTICLE 1st

The Government of Venezuela obligates itself to pay to the order of the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States, with the previous approbation of the Congress of Venezuela, Five thousand four hundred and fifty three 76/100 dollars macuquinos, in absolute indemnification of all losses and damages arising out of the claim made by those interested in the Brig "Josephine", and they shall have no right to prefer any new demand or claim that may originate in the circumstances of this case.

#### ARTICLE 2d

Said sum of Five thousand four hundred and fifty three 76/100 dollars macuquinos shall be paid by the Treasury in two equal portions on the 15th July and 15th October in eighteen hundred and forty seven.

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<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, including a discussion of the settlement, see 5 Miller 109.

## ARTICLE 3d

This convention shall be submitted to the Congress of Venezuela during its next session, to the end that it may appropriate the sum necessary for its faithfull execution.

In faith of which the undersigned have executed two agreements of one tenor in Caracas on the sixteenth of November eighteen hundred and forty six.

B. G. SHIELDS

*Chargé d'Affaires of the  
United States of America to the  
Republic of Venezuela.*

JN. M. MANRIQUE